that in case of States where hill transport subsidy is being porvided under RPDS the actual transportation cost of the foodgrains would be met by the Central Government.

(b) to (d) According to the guidelines of the scheme expenditure on conversion of foodgrains into cooked food, such as remuneration for cooks/helpers is eligible for coverage under the poverty alleviation scheme of the Ministry of Rural Development. On the basis of discussions with Education Secretaries, State/U.Ts have been advised that teachers should not be called upon to devote time for cooking hot meals in the schools at the expense of their primary duty of teaching.

Inital reports from a few States indicate that the Mid-day Scheme has had a positive impact in attracting children to schools.

Bridges in M.P.

5662. SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of bridges over National Highways in Madhya Pradesh which have collapsed during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of bridges out ot them repaired and the time by which the remaining bridges are likely to be repaired; and

(c) The total expenditure likely to be incurred on the repairing works ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) :

(a)	Year	Number
	1994-95	1
	1995-96	Nil
	1996-97	1

(b) 1994-95 :– One span of arch bridge (Maccha) on NH-6

1995-96 NIL

1996-97 : The bridge at NEWAJ river in Km.23/8-10 on NH-12

(c) Yearwise expenditure incurred on the repair works is as follows :

1994-95	Rs. 14.38 lakhs.
1995-96	Rs. Nil
1996-97	Rs. 39.42 lakhs.

[Translation]

Rajiv Gandhi Mission

5663. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the schemes being run under Rajiv Gandhi Mission in Madhya Pradesh have since been implemented;

(b) whether all the districts of Madhya Pradesh have been included in this scheme;

(c) if so, the number and the names of such districts and amount provided from 1996 till date district-wise; and

(d) whether employment is being given to laboures under this scheme and the details of criteria fixed in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Implementation of the Schemes under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission including Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) is a continuous process of completion of earlier schemes and taking up of new shcemes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The number and the names of districts and amount spent under the Accelerated Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) during April to September, 1996 are given in the statement Districtwise details are monitored on quarterly basis.

(d) Rural Water supply is not an employment generating Programme and therefore Employment given to labourers is not worked at the level of the Central Government.

Statement

(Rupees in Lakh)

Sl. No.	District	Expenditure incurred during the year upto September 1996 (ARWSP)
1	2	3
1.	Bhopal	28.86
2.	Raisen	39.60
3.	Sehore	56.68